

**A COMMUNICATIONS UNIT FOR SECURE COMMUNICATIONS****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5        A Wireless Local Area Network Card (40) with a unit communications port (62) that permits secure transfer of information between the removable communications unit and an introduction device (22) when a proximity based communications port (66) of the introduction device (22) is placed in close proximity to the unit communications port (62). The Card (40) also has a processor (42) connected to the unit communications port (62) and there is a unit connector (52) that allows for complementary releasable engagement of a connector (54) associated with an electronic device (12). The unit connector (52) is connected to the processor (42) and allows communication between the processor (42) and the electronic device (12). A communications interface (48) is connected to the processor for allowing the Card (40) to communicate with at least one other remote Card (40). There is also a memory (44) connected to the processor (42) for storing security information, wherein in use the processor (42) communicates with the introduction device (22) to transfer the security information between the memory (44) and introduction device via the unit communications port (62) and the proximity based communications port (66).

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